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SUBJ: SYG LETTER TO SECRETARY ON CYPRUS

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MARCH 18 LETTER TO SECRETARY FROM
SYG REQUESTING SECRETARY'S IMPRESSIONS OF CYPRUS
SITUATION FOLLOWING HIS TALKS WITH GREEK AND TURKISH OFFICIALS:

"DEAR MR. SECRETARY,

AS YOUR KNOW, THE SECURITY COUNCIL LAST WEEK PASSED
A RESOLUTION ON THE CYPRUS QUESTION WHICH, AMONG OTHER
THINGS, REQUESTED ME TO CONVENE THE REPRESENTATIVES OF
THE TWO COMMUNITIES IN CYPRUS IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT
NEGOTIATIONS UNDER MY PERSONAL AUSPICES AND WITH MY
DIRECTION AS APPROPRIATE. I HAVE SINCE BEEN ENGAGED IN
PRELIMINARY CONTACTS WITH THE PARTIES IN AN EFFORT TO
DETERMINE THE MODALITIES FOR THESE NEGOTIATIONS AND TO FIND
AGREEMENT ON SUCH MATTERS AS THE PLACE AND DATE OF THE
NEGOTIATIONS. I HOPE VERY MUCH THAT WE SHALL BE ABLE TO
FIND WAYS TO MAKE PROGRESS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR A
SETTLEMENT IN CYPRUS UNDER THE TERMS OF THE RECENT SECURITY
COUNCIL RESOLUTION.

THE GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED HAVE GIVEN ME SOME INFORMATION
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ON YOUR OWN TALKS WITH THEM ON THE CYPRUS PROBLEM. IT

WOULD, OF COURSE, BE OF CONSIDERABLE ASSISTANCE TO ME IN
FULFILLING THE TASK WHICH THE SECURITY COUNCIL HAS GIVEN
ME, IF YOU YOURSELF COULD GIVE ME SOME IDEA OF YOUR
IMPRESSIONS OF THE SITUATION AFTER YOUR TALKS WITH FOREIGN
MINISTER BITSIOS IN BRUSSELS AND YOUR INTERLOCUTORS
IN ANKARA.

I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEND YOU MY BEST WISHES FOR THE
VERY DIFFICULT MISSION IN THE MIDDLE EAST IN WHICH YOU
ARE NOW ENGAGED.

WITH WARM REGARDS,

YOURS SINCERELY,
KURTWALDHEIM"
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